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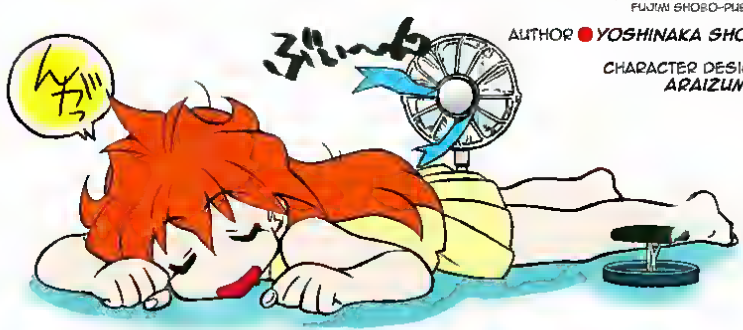


CHAPTER 37 - RESUMING
GRANNY-! GIMME THREE MORE LUNCH COMBOS-!
LINA-SAN... MAYBE YOU SHOULD STOP...
YOU'RE GONNA MAKE YOURSELF SICK, YOU KNOW
OH, PUT A SOCK IN IT! I'LL BET MY MAGIC HASN'T COME BACK BECAUSE I HAVEN'T EATEN ENOUGH YET!
JUST LET ME DO MY THING AND I'LL BE FINE!!
GULP
LINA-SAN?

CHAPTER 37- *RESUMING*

SYL-PHIEL!
IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME
Oh, I'm so sorry!
WAH-! YOU, YOU'RE
COUGH COUGH HAAACK!
WELL, YOU SEE ...
OH, ME?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
AND COUPLED WITH THE OTHER RUMOR THAT AN APPARENTLY VERY SMALL-BREASTED FEMALE SORCERER WAS IN TOWN, I THOUGHT I SHOULD STOP BY AND SEE IF YOU HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT
I'D HEARD THAT A CERTAIN SOMEONE HAD LAID SIEGE TO THIS INN'S ENTIRE MENU,
10t
N...NO, THAT WASN'T WHAT I MEANT! I'M ASKING WHAT BUSINESS YOU'D HAVE IN A SMALL-FRY TOWN LIKE THIS!!
IS SHE TRYING TO PICK A FIGHT WITH ME, OR WHAT!?
OH, OF COURSE... BUT BEFORE THAT ...

WHERE IS GOURRY-SAMA?
YES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE DURING THAT ORDEAL
YO.
YOU SEEM TO BE DOING WELL
OH?
OH, UH, WELL, Y'SEE ....
....YOU COULDN'T HAVE!?
....I... I DIDN'T SELL HIM.
YOU DIDN'T SELL HIM FOR NEXT-TO-NOTHING TO SOME STRANGER ON THE STREET, DID YOU?
THEN... DID YOU STEAL THE SWORD OF LIGHT AND ABANDON HIM ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD?
WHAT THE HELL KIND OF PERSON DO YOU TAKE ME FOR!?

GOURRY-SAMA WAS-!?
...G... GOURRY WAS....
IF THAT ISN'T THE CASE, THEN WHERE IN THE WORLD IS GOURRY-SAMA!?
...HE WAS, UH, KIDNAPPED BY HELLMASTER PHIBRIZZO.
TEE-HEE.

IF... IF YOU DON'T MIND ....
COULD YOU ANSWER A LITTLE QUESTION I HAVE ?
THIS "HELL-MASTER" IS A MAZOKU, ISN'T HE?
RIGHT HE'S ONE OF RUBY EYE'S DIRECT SUBORDI-NATES!
OH , HOW *TERRIBLE!* THIS IS NO TIME FOR ME TO BE LYING DOWN!
WELL, SURE, BUT IT'S ALREADY NIGHTTIME, SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL.
It's a free room, after all
HOW CAN YOU BE SO EASY-GOING AT A TIME LIKE THIS!?

IF I WERE TO FILL YOU IN ON EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN GOING ON UP UNTIL NOW, YOU'LL DEFINITELY BE DRAGGED INTO THIS.... EVEN KNOWING THAT, ARE YOU STILL WILLING TO HEAR ME OUT?
....RIGHT.
....WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED ...?
OF COURSE I AM.
YES.

OK, GOTCHA.
WHERE SHOULD I START. IT'S A LONG STORY.
IN THE BEGINNING, CHAOS DRAGON AND HIS LACKIES, WHO HAD TURNED AGAINST RUBY EYE, ATTACKED ME-
APPARENTLY BECAUSE HELLMASTER PLANS TO MANIPULATE ME INTO DOING *SOMETHING*, AND CHAOS DRAGON AND CO. WERE OUT TO STOP IT.
THEN HELLMASTER USED ME AS BAIT TO LURE OUT CHAOS DRAGON SO HE COULD DESTROY HIM.
YAARGH!
BUT JUST AS CHAOS DRAGON WAS ON THE VERGE OF DEATH, I *THINK* HE SOMEHOW SEALED MY MAGIC IN A LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO PUT A KINK IN HELLMASTER'S SCHEMES.

ANYWAY, SYLPHIEL, WHY ARE YOU HERE?
HE WANTS YOU TO GO TO, SAIRAAG?
IT'S BEEN NINE DAYS SINCE THEN
AFTER ALL THAT, HELLMASTER TOOK GOURRY HOSTAGE AND TOLD ME TO COME TO SAIRAAG.
YOUR YOUR MAGIC?
YES... HE TOLD ME....
A STRANGE STORY?
WHILE WE TENDED TO HIS WOUNDS, HE TOLD ME A VERY STRANGE STORY
I MET A TRAVELLING MERCHANT AT MY UNCLE'S CLINC.

IT SEEMS SOME TIME AGO, SAIRAAG WAS REBUILT PEOPLE HAVE ONCE AGAIN BEGUN COMMUTING TO AND WITHIN THE CITY. HOWEVER, IN THE SAME BREATH, HE TOLD ME THAT FLAGOON HAS DISAPPEARED
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN DON'T YOU THINK HE COULD BE CONFUSING SAIRAAG WITH SOME OTHER TOWN?
BUT I'VE HEARD SIMILAR ACCOUNTS FROM OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN IN THE AREA.
FOR THAT REASON, I'VE DECIDED TO GO THERE MYSELF, TO SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES
I SEE

I'LL BE ABLE TO REACH SAIRAAG MUCH FASTER ON MY OWN THAN IF I WERE TO TRAVEL WITH YOU ALL, LINA-SAN. AND ONCE I GET THERE, I WILL SAVE GOURRY-SAMA
NO!
IN ANY CASE, IT'LL BE EASIER FOR THE REST OF US TO RETURN TO SAIRAAG UNDER THAT PRETENSE.
WELL THEN, IT'S A GOOD THING WE MET UP HERE!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND THAT HELL-MASTER WOULD BE YOUR OPPO-NENT!?
THE EMBODIMENT OF EVIL! LORD OF DESTRUC-TION!! ENEMY TO ALL WHO LIVE AND BREATHE !!!
IT'S IMPOSSI-BLE FOR YOU TO FACE THAT SORT OF ENEMY ALONE! YOU COULDN'T WIN!!
PLEASE, SYLPHIEL-SAN, I IMPLORE YOU TO THINK MORE RATIONALLY ON THIS MATTER!
...A... ARE YOU DAFT !?

URK.
BUT I SINCERELY DOUBT THAT THINGS WOULD BE FINISHED IF LINA-SAN HERSELF WERE TO GO TO HELL-MASTER.
SO YOU'RE SAYING WE SHOULDN'T BOTHER TRYING TO STOP YOU?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
PLEASE YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT ME! KNOWING THAT HELLMASTER WOULD BE MY OPPONENT, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF DOING ANYTHING RECKLESS ONCE I ARRIVE.
BUT THAT SAID, I AM NOT OFFERING THIS AS A MERE SUGGESTION ON MY PART. I AM SIMPLY INFORMING YOU ALL OF WHAT MY INTENTIONS ARE AFTER WE SPLIT UP.

I REALIZE YOUR SITUATION IS DIRE, LINA-SAN, BUT I'M STILL RELIEVED THAT YOU'VE BEEN SO FRANK ABOUT THESE CIRCUM-STANCES
BUT I MUST WARN YOU, HELL-MASTER'S PLANS WILL MOST LIKELY HAVE SOME IMPACT ON THE FATE OF THE WORLD.
HOWEVER, AS IT STANDS, I CANNOT SIT BY IDLY AS A SITUATION LIKE THIS RUNS ITS COURSE
IF THERE IS ANY-THING AT ALL THAT I CAN HELP YOU WITH, PLEASE, DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK ME
I... I APPRECIATE THE OFFER, SYLPHIEL I'VE TESTED OUT A FEW DIFFERENT METHODS, BUT I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY CONCLUSIVE RESULTS SO FAR.
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A WAY TO RECOVER YOUR MAGIC,
IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU CONSIDERED THE NATURE OF THE 'MAGIC' YOU HAVE BEEN USING IN THE FIRST PLACE.

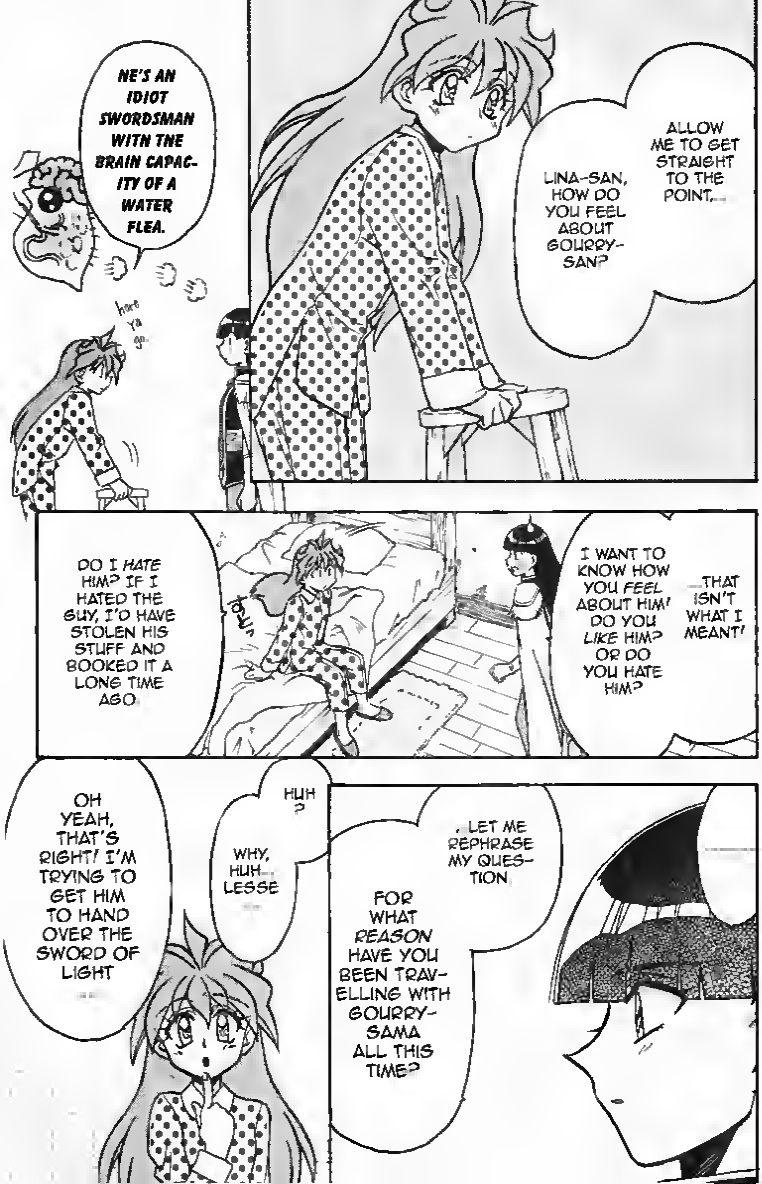
WHEN DID YOU MANAGE TO HEAL YOUR-SELF!?
XE-XELLOSS!?
WHY HELLO THERE ♡
WELL, YOU KNOW
REALLY? I. SEE ...
...OH. BY THE WAY SYLPHIEL YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THIS GUY HE'S HARMLESS AS LONG AS YOU DON'T PROVOKE HIM.
HMM... SINCE YOU STARTED TALKING ABOUT CHAOS DRAGON ♡
?
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SITTING THERE?
...SHE'D PROBABLY HAVE A COMPLETE MELT-DOWN IF SHE FOUND OUT THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT ONLY A MAZOKU, BUT HE'S ON HELLMASTER'S SIDE, TO BOOT ....

NOW THEN, GOING BACK TO THE EARLIER DISCUSSION ABOUT YOU NOT BEING ABLE TO USE YOUR MAGIC,
IN THE FIRST PLACE, HAVE YOU CONSIDERED WHAT MAGIC – RATHER, WHAT DEMONS ARE?
WELL, THEY'RE BEINGS WHO HOLD NEITHER PHYSICAL FORM NOR EFFECT IN REALITY, RIGHT? AND THE LAWS OF NATURE DON'T APPLY TO THEM?
LOOKING AT IT FROM A HUMAN'S PERSPECTIVE, YOU'D BE CORRECT.
DEMONS THEMSELVES EXIST IN THE PAPER-THIN OTHER-REALM OF THIS WORLD KNOWN AS THE ASTRAL PLANE, AND ARE ABLE TO IMPACT THIS SIDE TO SOME EXTENT BY MEANS OF SPELLS
SO IN THAT SENSE, YOU COULD ASSUME THEY MAKE THEIR OWN LAWS
SO IN REGARD TO WHY YOU'VE FOUND YOURSELF UNABLE TO USE YOUR SPELLS, LINA-SAN,
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN, SHALL WE SAY "QUARANTINED" TO SOME EXTENT ON THE ASTRAL PLANE.
AHAHAHA, I'VE SEALED YOUR MAGIC, LINA INVERSE!
AND WHILE THIS SITUATION COULD BE COMPARABLE TO THE TIME MAZENDA-SAN USED A SIMILAR TECHNIQUE ON YOU

WHAT!?
THEN THERE'S NO WAY TO FIX THIS !?
THAT YOU, LINA-SAN, WILL BE STUCK WITH THIS "AILMENT" UNTIL THE DAY YOU DIE.
CHAOS DRAGON WAS THE ONE WHO USED THIS TECHNIQUE ON YOU, AND CONSIDERING HE'S ALREADY BEEN DESTROYED
IT IS SAFE TO ASSUME
NO, NOT AT ALL! PLEASE, HEAR ME OUT...
ARE YOU TRYING TO FORCE ME INTO COMMITTING SUICIDE !?
OH NO, NO, THAT CERTAINLY ISN'T THE CASE AT ALL
YOU SEE, IF YOU WERE TO "DIE JUST ONCE," THEN YOU'D BE EFFECTIVELY GRANTING CHAOS DRAGON'S LAST WISH, WHICH WOULD

OH MYYYY!
YEAH, RIGHT! I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU SCHMOOZE ME OVER WITH THAT ONE!
...UH-OH
...THAT WAS, HELL-MASTER'S, "LACKY?"
JEEZE, AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A LACKY!?
THAT'D JUST PUT A BIG OL' PRETTY DENT IN HELL-MASTER'S PLANS, NOW WOULDN'T IT!?
...UH, Y'SEE....
OH..!

LINA-SAN, ARE YOU STILL AWAKE?
YEAH, I'M UP C'MON IN
...ERM
THERE IS A CERTAIN MATTER I WISH TO DISCUSS WITH YOU
MAY I ASK FOR A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME?
...SURE, WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
AND WHAT'S WITH THE FORMALITY?
I'M VERY SORRY FOR ALWAYS INTRUDING ON YOU


LINA-SAN, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT GOURRY-SAN?
ALLOW ME TO GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT...
HE'S AN IDIOT SWORDSMAN WITH THE BRAIN CAPACITY OF A WATER FLEA.
here ya go
DO I HATE HIM? IF I HATED THE GUY, I'D HAVE STOLEN HIS STUFF AND BOOKED IT A LONG TIME AGO.
I WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT HIM! DO YOU LIKE HIM? OR DO YOU HATE HIM?
...THAT ISN'T WHAT I MEANT!
OH YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! I'M TRYING TO GET HIM TO HAND OVER THE SWORD OF LIGHT
HUH?
WHY, HUH... LESSE
FOR WHAT REASON HAVE YOU BEEN TRAVELLING WITH GOURRY-SAMA ALL THIS TIME?
...LET ME REPHRASE MY QUESTION

...HEY, HOLD ON?
WASN'T THE SWORD OF LIGHT REALLY JUST ONE PART OF SOME MAZOKU? IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN DOES THAT MEAN WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET IT BACK EVEN IF WE WERE TO DEFEAT HELL-MASTER?
OH, RIGHT
WITHOUT THE SWORD OF LIGHT, WE WON'T HAVE A REASON TO TRAVEL TOGETHER ANYMORE...
...HUH?
WERE YOU POSSIBLY SEARCHING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE REASON YOU TWO COULD CONTINUE TRAVELLING TOGETHER?
IF YOU REALLY WERE LOOKING FOR A REASON... DO YOU KNOW WHY YOU WERE DOING SO?
...WELL... WHY? I'M NOT SURE MYSELF...
UM.
I UNDER-STAND COM-PLETE-LY
EH?

PLEASANT DREAMS, LINA-SAN.
ハロー!
I WILL CERTAINLY FIND SOME WAY TO RESCUE GOURRY-SAMA ON MY OWN.
I WILL BE DEPARTING EARLY IN THE MORNING.
...AH.
.....
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I WONDER WHY ..

I JUST CAN'T SHAKE THIS HEART-WRENCHING FEELING IN MY CHEST
....

RAY WING !!
THBBT!
YEAH.
LINA-SAN'S MUCH LATER THAN USUAL, ISN'T SHE
OWW... MAN, THAT HURT
STILL NO GOOD, HUH...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, LINA !?
LINA-SAN, YOU MUSTN'T TAKE WHAT THAT MAZOKU TOLD YOU AT FACE VALUE!!
T... TRAIN-ING?
You are Lina-san?
OH, COME ON YOU DON'T THINK I'D REALLY KILL MYSELF, DO YOU? THIS IS MAGIC TRAINING!
WELL, SEE... SYLPHIEL ALREADY LEFT SAYING SHE'D SAVE GOURRY ON HER OWN, RIGHT? THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO KICK BACK 'N TAKE IT EASY WHILE EVERYONE ELSE DOES THE HARD STUFF.

HMPH. I WON'T STOP YOU, BUT
IN THE MEANTIME, THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN FIGHT ON AN EMPTY STOMACH, IS THERE?
THAT'S RIGHT! THE SOONER YOU COME INSIDE AND STUFF YOURSELF SILLY, THE SOONER WE CAN SET OFF TO DEFEAT HELL-MASTER!
...E... EHEH.
POINT TAKEN!

AH, DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT HER SHE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF HERSELF, SINCE SHE'S A PRIEST-ESS.
GOSH, I HOPE SHE HASN'T BEEN HURT OR ANY-THING
SYLPHIEL-SAN SHE'S ALREADY GONE SO FAR AHEAD WITHOUT US
CHAPTER 38 - ENEMY. SOURRY!
IN THAT CASE, LINA-SAN, I'LL TAKE A SHOT RIGHT NOW!
BU-BU-BU-BU!- WHA!? RIGHT NOW!!
IN THE MEANTIME, WHY DON'T WE DO A LITTLE EXPERI-MENTING ?
WHICH ONLY TELLS US SHE DOESN'T HAVE A SHRED OF COMMON SENSE.
O... OKAY!!
WELL.. YEAH, I GUESS YOU HAVE A POINT.
THAT'S RIGHT!
DON'T ACT SO SUR-PRISED IT WOULD BE PRUDENT OF US TO FIND A WAY TO RESTORE YOUR MAGIC AS SOON AS POS-SIBLE, DON'T YOU AGREE?

FIRE...
I'LL TRY SOMETHING WEAK FIRST, THEN
SFX: KA-BOOM
ゴゥン
EH?
WAS THAT A MAGIC EXPLOSION JUST NOW!?
IT CAME FROM JUST UP AHEAD
SYLPHIEL !!
OH GOD, DON'T TELL ME-!?

CHAPTER 38 - ENEMY: GOURRY!

...OH, REALLY?
RE-
REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU TRY TO PURSUADE ME, I WILL NEVER TELL YOU WHERE LINA-SAN IS!
UGH.
F...FIRE BALL!!
IN THAT CASE, WENCH ...
THIS SHALL BE YOUR GRAVE!!
NNGH
AS I SAID, YOU STAND NO CHANCE !!

AH!
OH, NO... NOT LIKE THIS ....!
!!

SFX: SLASH
EEK!
FIRE BALL !!
SFX: FOOSH
...HMPH.
SO THERE YOU ARE.
...HUH? THAT GUY ...

SHOULD YOU REFUSE, I, AMELIA, HOLY CHAMPION OF JUSTICE, SHALL RAIN JUDGEMENT UPON YOU IN THE NAME OF THE HEAVENS!!
I COMMAND YOU TO STEP AWAY FROM HER THIS VERY INSTANT!!
YOU WILL CAUSE SYLPHIEL-SAN NO MORE GRIEF, VILLAN!
NO, YOU MUSTN'T! PLEASE, TAKE LINA-SAN FAR, FAR AWAY FROM THIS PLACE!!
ARE YOU CRAZY, SYLPHIEL!? YOU'RE HURT, WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU HERE!
BUT LINA-SAN, THIS PERSON IS TARGETING YOU!!
THAT'S EXACTLY IT, LINA INVERSE.
SFX BWEEN

...HUH!?
I'VE COME HERE TO TAKE YOUR LIFE!!
THAT'S HE'S GOT THE SWORD OF LIGHT!
WA... WAIT JUST A MINUTE, HERE! AREN'T I SUPPOSED TO BE PART OF HELL-MASTER'S GRAND SCHEME!? WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO KILL ME!?
HAHA. YOU NAIVE FOOL.
HELLMASTER HIMSELF HAS ORDERED ME THUS....
BUT WAIT, THAT VOICE... ARE YOU...?
...HMM? LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE FINALLY CAUGHT ON, LITTLE MISS.
RA... RALTARK!? BUT WHY DO YOU LOOK SO DIFFER-ENT...?
KUKUKU ...

N... NO!
NOW, I'VE TAKEN CONTROL OF THIS SWORDSMAN TO ACT AS MY SHIELD...!
WHA-
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE !?
GOURRY!?

H..HEY, WAIT! RALTARK!? YOU'RE ONE OF CHAOS DRAGON'S UNDERLINGS, AREN'T YOU!?
THEN WHY-
I AM NO LONGER IN THE SERVICE OF CHAOS DRAGON I NOW FIGHT FOR HELL-MASTER
THERE-FORE, I HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO TAKE YOUR LIFE
THOUGH YOU WILL NOT SUFFER BY MY HAND, BUT DESPAIR AT THOSE OF YOUR OWN COMPADE
ISN'T THE CASE AT ALL
YOU SEE, IF YOU WERE TO "DIE JUST ONCE," THEN YOU'D BE EFFECTIVELY FRUSTING CHAOS DRAGON'S LAST WISH, WHICH WOULD
. OH, YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME

LINA, GET OUT OF HERE, NOW! WE'LL COVER YOU!!
WE WOULD NEVER ALLOW YOU TO DO SUCH A THING!!
THIS GUY SERIOUSLY WANTS TO KILL ME JUST SO MY MAGIC WILL RETURN!!
AH!
SO MUCH FOR THAT! RA TILT!!
GOURRY-SAN, PLEASE FORGIVE ME!!
ELMEKIA LANCE!!
EEH!? BUT I
SFX: DEFLECT
SFX: MOVE

SFX: SLAM
AUGH!
SFX: SMASH!
YEEK-!
MOVE!
DAMMIT, GOURRY! WAKE UP!!!
ASTRAL VINE!!
SFX: SWEEN

SFX SLASH
GWAGH!
HIS STRENGTH IS INCREDIBLE
NGH ...
ZEL!!
SFX: SHINK
SFX: SHUKE
PLEASE, OPEN YOUR EYES!!
G.... GOURRY-SAMA!

IT'S ME... IT'S SYLPHIEL YOU REMEMBER, DON'T YOU?
SFX: WOBBLE
YOU'VE COME TO MY RESCUE SO MANY TIMES IN THE PAST
PLEASE, SAY YOU REMEMBER!!
SYLPHIEL!?
THERE'S NO WAY SOME MAZOKU COULD EVER GAIN CONTROL OVER YOU... IS THERE?
SYLPHIEL!! STAY AWAY FROM HIM!!!
COME NOW, GOURRY-SAMA I'M RIGHT, AREN'T I?
GOURRY ...SA..MA ...?
SFX: RAISING SWORD

SFX CLANG!
SFX GRAR
DON'T TOUCH HER!
SYLPHIEL !!!!
LINA, STOP!!
SFX SLAM
SFX SLIP!
AGH!

SFX: SLASH
G...
GOURRY

SFX THUD
GOU
RRY
AAH! AHHHH!! LINA-SAN!!!!
LINA!
LINA-SAN!?
OH... THANK GOD. SYLPH-IEL'S OKAY
AND ZEL AND AMELIA, TOO
AND— GOURRY HE'S OKAY— THEY'RE ALL GOING TO BE FINE
DAMMIT... I GUESS THIS ALL WENT ACCORDING TO HELLMASTER'S PLAN...

You should thank me, Lina Inverse! You've been freed from Chaos Dragon's magic seal!
Ha... Hahahaha! It's finished!
Li... Lina-san! Lina-saaaaan!!
Gyk. Rattle. Rattle
!?
Now, priestess of Sairaag! use the Ressurrection spell on the girl!!
Once the spell is complete
...
What!?
You bastard! What are you doing!?
Cease this immediate-
...

GWA-
GWAA AAAAA AAAAA AAAAA AAAAA AGH!?
SPK SHOVE
....G...
VIVI
VIVI
BOURRY?
....WHAT ARE YOU DOING ....!?

....YOU....
YOU WRETCH ...!!
SFX: GRIND GRIND (SWORD DRIVING INTO ARMOR)
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BRING ME DOWN WITH YOU ...!?
GUH ...
SFX: FIZZ
GWA AAAA AAAH ....!!

GOURRY
GOU
SFX THUD
HIS ARMOR'S ?
....LI ....
NA....
HE BROKE RALTAK'S SPELL !
GOURRY-SAMA.

CHAPTER 39 - LINA'S RESOLVE

I CAN'T TAKE ANY-MORE
..AH,
THIS IS MY LIMIT
HE DISAP-PEARED
WHA-!?
GOURRY!?
GOURRY-SAMA!?
I.... I'LL HELP..!
SHI-....! SYLPHIEL, HURRY! THE SPELL ...!
LINA-SAN! LINA-SAN!?
LINA SAN?
MY, MY, WHAT A TERRIBLE THING THIS SITUATION'S ESCALATED INTO.

BUT ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, IT IS UP TO YOU ALL HOW THE REST OF THIS SITUATION WILL PLAY OUT
EH?
XE... XELLOSS !?
AL-THOUGH,
I DOUBT ANYTHING YOU DO WILL ALTER WHAT HAPPENS IN THE END

....HUH?
WHERE AM I?
IT'S... PITCH BLACK. WHAT A SUFFOCATING DARKNESS...
....OH, THAT'S IT....
I MUST BE HERE
BECAUSE I'M DEAD.

SA
N
ONEE-
SAN..
ONEE
SAN..
E
SAN
ONEE-
SAN.
ONEE-
SAN..
AH?
THAT
VOICE...
ELENA-
CHAN!!

BUT I'VE DONE ALL I CAN I GIVE UP
I'M SORRY, ELENA-CHAN

I HOPE YOUR MAGIC GETS EVEN STRONGER!
ONEE-SAN,

IF YOU KEEP THAT ATTI-TUDE UP,
THEN THIS GUY WILL NEVER, EVER COME BACK, YOU KNOW
!?

HEHE
...YOU LIAR ....

LI_NA
WA...
WAIT!!
I'LL MEET YOU IN SAIRAAG, THE HELL-MASTER'S CITY.
IN THAT CASE, I GUESS I'LL TAKE THIS GUY AND GO AHEAD WITHOUT YOU
WHA-
HELLMASTER PHIBRIZZO!
I CAN'T MAKE IT TO SAIRAAG ANYMORE .... SO, PLEASE ...!
DON'T TAKE GOURRY WITH YOU!!

SFX. GRAB
LINA...
GIVE HIM BACK !!
-IF YOU WANT HIM BACK,
KYA-!!
THEN YOU MUST FIGHT!!
SFX. SHING
...YOU .. YOU'RE NOT GOURRY ...!?
THEN WHO ARE . WAIT, IT CAN'T BE ARE YOU ?
LINA INVERSE!
I SHALL ALLOW YOU TO REJECT YOUR FATE, JUST THIS ONCE.
EH?

SFX TH-THUD
THE GOD OF DEATH !?

WERE YOU TO ALLOW THIS GIRL'S MAGIC TO RETURN
...THAT IS,
COME NOW, EVERYONE, CERTAINLY YOU MUST HAVE THOUGHT OF THIS YOURSELVES?
HEHE
WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU IMPLYING!?
Y... ARE YOU SAYING...?
HOWEVER, IF SHE WERE TO REMAIN DEAD...
IF YOU ALL WERE TO BRING HER BACK TO LIFE, SOMETHING UNIMAGINABLY TERRIBLE WILL COME TO PASS
EH!?
!!

IS SOME-THING HAP-PEN-ING?
WHAT!?
SFX: SHWOO
IF THAT REALLY WAS WHO I THINK IT WAS
BUT WHY'D SHE?
LINA-SAN?
NOW I GET IT
LINA!?
A GOLDEN LIGHT?
WHAT IN THE WORLD?

I HEARD THE WHOLE THING, XELLOSS
BEG YOUR PARDON?
WAY TO KICK A GAL WHEN SHE'S DOWN
YOU'VE GOT SOME BALLS SAYING WHAT YOU DID!
...OH!
ER, THAT, UM... I WAS ONLY POINTING OUT THE OBVIOUS!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING OUTTA THIS ONE!
DRAGON SLAVE!!
KIYAA!
KAHHEEE!
LINA
LINA-SAN
LINA... SAN

EH? WHAT!?
I CAN USE MY MAGIC AGAIN?
AND MY WOUNDS HAVE BEEN HEALED?
HEY GUYS... I JUST DIED, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW!!
HUM
THE WAY SHE WAS REVIVED IS A LITTLE TROUBLESOME, BUT
EVERYTHING'S STILL MOVING AS PLANNED
COME NOW, DON'T BORE ME ANY MORE THAN I ALREADY AM,
LINA-ONEE-CHAN.

U~GH, MY BODY FEELS SO HEAVY...
...SO, ARE YOU GUYS SERIOUS? I REVIVED MYSELF, ALL ON MY OWN?
PRECISELY, LINA-SAN A STRANGE GOLD-COLORED LIGHT EMINATED FROM YOUR BODY, THEN...
AND THEN YOUR WOUNDS VANISHED RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR EYES
I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS...
IF THAT WAS WHAT I THOUGHT IT WAS? THEN WHY WOULD IT HAVE...?
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I'M WORRIED ABOUT GOURRY, THOUGH...
THAT WOLIND HE HAD WAS PRETTY NASTY
I KNOW...
HE MUST HAVE RETURNED TO HELL MASTER...
I'M SURE HE'S JUST FINE!
AFTER ALL, SINCE GOURRY-SAN IS BEING HELD AS HELL MASTER'S HOSTAGE, HE SHOULD BE SAFE
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
IF I MAY...
I SINCERELY APOLOGIZE FOR WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER. I'VE CAUSED EVERYONE SUCH TROUBLE
HEY, DON'T SWEAT IT WE'RE ALL STILL IN ONE PIECE, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT COUNTS
LINA-SAN

ALRIGHT, IN THAT CASE...
SHALL WE RESUME OUR JOURNEY?
LET US CONTINUE TO THE CITY WHEREIN WE SHALL SMITE THE EVIL HELL MASTER
AND RESCUE THE CAPTIVE GOURRY-SAN!
EVERYONE, TO SAIRAAG!

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SHAAA...
NO KIDDING.
A "FOREST OF MIASMA," SANS THE MIASMA...
AND IF THE RUMORS ARE CORRECT THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY ARE SUPPOSEDLY STILL ALIVE AND WELL AS THOUGH NEITHER THE CITY NOR ITS PEOPLE WERE EVER DESTROYED IN THE FIRST PLACE IS THAT RIGHT?
HMM? YOU'RE RIGHT.
SOMETHING STRANGE IS DEFINITELY GOING ON HERE.
——SAIRAAG WAS REDUCED TO AN A UNRECOGNIZABLE HEAP OF RUBBLE, A SHADOW OF ITS FORMER SELF, BY THE RED PRIEST REBO'S "COPY"...
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAS HAPPENED TO SAIRAAG

EVERYONE, PLEASE LOOK OVER THERE!!
IT'S THE CITY-!!
AND IT ALL HAPPENED RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR VERY EYES..
.....BUT IN SPITE OF ALL THAT....

CHATTER
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CHATTER
LIKE NOTHING EVER HAPPENED, HUH.
ISN'T IT..? BUT STILL, THIS IS SIMPLY...

OH, I UM, SO GOOD DAY
WOULD YOU BE A DEAR AND TAKE THESE TO THE HIGH PRIEST WITH YOU?
EH?
OH, GOOD-NESS! IS THAT YOU, SYLPHIEL-SAN?
OOOH, DEAR YOU'RE RIGHT
WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T SYLPHIEL-SAN LONG TIME NO SEE!
OH, YES I'M SORRY WE'RE ALWAYS IMPOSING ON YOU SO MUCH, BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS...
WA-HOO! LOOK, GUYS! IT'S SYLPHIEL-NEE-CHAN!!
SUCH GOOD TIMING. WE JUST FINISHED PICKING SOME SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS. GO AHEAD TAKE SOME WITH YOU
THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH
AH
over-loaded

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THOSE?
COME TO THINK OF IT, THE HIGH PRIEST IS YOUR DAD, ISN'T HE?
YES, HE IS
JUST BY LOOKING AT THEM, I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY ARE STILL ALIVE AND WELL...
...BUT AT THE SAME TIME...
THAT'S WHAT MAKES THE THOUGHT OF GOING TO SEE MY FATHER, AND ASKING HIM ABOUT THE PEOPLE...
TRULY FRIGHTEN-ING FOR ME
...SYLPHIEL.

THAT TRAVELLER WAS RIGHT. FLABOON REALLY HAS DISAPPEARED
OH? WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO BE LINA SAN?
BUT WHAT'S WITH THE MONU-MENT ?
OH...
NO WAY AREN'T YOU ?
——YOU THINK HELL MASTER'S HIDING OUT IN THERE?

AH, YES
YOU HELPED THE TWO OF US GET OUT OF A STICKY SITUATION QUITE SOME TIME AGO
I'M ELENA'S OLDER SISTER
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE!?
YOU SEE... ACTUALLY...
ABOUT HALF A MONTH AGO... ELENA WELL...
SHE WENT MISSING
AND I MET SOMEONE WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN HER IN THIS CITY. EVEN IF DEPENDING ON A RUMOR LIKE THAT IS RISKY, I DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER LEADS, SO...
LONG TIME NO SEE,
!
UNA-ONEE-SAN
I HAVEN'T HAD ANY LUCK FINDING HER SO FAR, THOUGH...
W

SO, THINK YOU COULD HEAD ON HOME? I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING INSTEAD
SEE, THAT'S WHY I'M OUT HERE TOO. I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE TO HER AND BRING HER BACK
HUH?
I'M SURE THAT'S PROBABLY WHY SHE RAN AWAY FROM HOME
...WELL, UH... FUNNY STORY ABOUT THAT, ACTUALLY.
IT'S KINDA MY FAULT. I SAID SOMETHING STUPID TO HER THAT MADE HER REEEALLY MAD AT ME...
C'MON, HOW 'BOUT IT?
BUT I PROMISE I'LL MAKE IT ALL BETTER! LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME, OKAY?
I KNOW, I KNOW! I MADE A REAL BIG MESS OF THINGS!
?
I'M BEGGING YOU...
EVEN IF I DON'T THINK EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT,
SO AT THE VERY LEAST, I DON'T WANT TO DRAG YOU INTO THIS TOO.

—I SUPPOSE IT LOOKS LIKE YOU DO HAVE A GOOD REASON FOR BEING SO CONCERNED ABOUT HER
B-BUMP
I UNDERSTAND, TAKE CARE OF ELENA FOR ME, WOULD YOU PLEASE?
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT THIS WHOLE THING
DON'T WORRY! I'LL MAKE SURE ELEN-CHAN MAKES IT HOME...
SAFE... AND... SOUND...

COULD BE, I GUESS
DO YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE SHE ALREADY SUSPECTS SOMETHING IS AMISS...?
INTERESTING IT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH TO MAKE HER STEP BACK, DID IT

HEHE. UM, NOBODY IN PARTICULAR...
UH, WELL...
WHO IS THIS "ELENA-CHAN" YOU SPOKE OF?

SURE LOOKS LIKE I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ASK THE HEAD HONCHO PERSONALLY ONCE WE GET THAT FAR
DON'T TELL ME THAT THIS IS HELL MASTER'S DOING, THAT BASTARD...

—YOU SURE YOU'RE UP FOR THAT SYLPHIEL? I MEAN, IT'D BE GREAT IF WE COULD GET SOME INFO FROM HIM BUT...
EH? OH, PLEASE, I INSIST.
HUH?
SO WHY DON'T WE PAY A VISIT TO MY FAMILY'S TEMPLE?
WELL... AT THE MOMENT IT SEEMS AS THOUGH WE HAVE NO OBVIOUS OPTIONS.
PERHAPS HE WOULD BE ABLE TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE SITUATION...
WE COULD ASK MY FATHER FOR INFORMA-TION...
OH.
THAT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?
I'VE BEEN TASKED WITH THE DELIVERY OF THESE ITEMS, SO I WOULD HAVE GONE TO SEE HIM REGARD-LESS
IT'S ON THE WAY, AFTER ALL.

WELCOME TO OUR HOME
OH, YOU MUST BE SYLPHIEL'S FRIENDS
AH, THANKS
WE APPRECIATE YOUR HOSPITALITY
BUT PLEASE MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE
I FEAR I DO NOT HAVE MUCH TO OFFER YOU IN TERMS OF ENTERTAINMENT,

HAVE YOU ALREADY GIVEN THEM THE GRAND TOUR OF THE CITY, SYLPHIEL?
—N... NOT YET, FATHER
I... ACTU-ALLY I WAS WONDER-ING...
SO ON?
—UM... IT'S... NOTHING... NEVER-MIND
WHAT'S WRONG, SYLPHIEL? IS SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU?
—I HATE TO INTERRUPT, HIGH PRIEST SIR.
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU. THAT MONUMENT, STANDING OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY...
CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THAT IS?

WHY CAN'T YOU TELL US?
...IT IS... IT PAINS ME TO SAY THIS,
BUT AS MUCH AS I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU, I'M AFRAID I CANNOT
IS THIS GUY...
THAT IS BECAUSE
WE WERE CREATED WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE THAT ANSWER
AWARE OF HIS OWN STATE OF BEING!?
EVEN WE FEEL...
DISGUSTED BY OUR-SELVES IN THAT REGARD...

HE ALREADY KNOWS... THAT THEY WERE CREATED BY HELL MASTER...
THAT THEY ARE LITTLE MORE THAN FLEETING APPARITIONS WHICH COULD BE DESTROYED ON A WHIM...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SO WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO NOW?

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IF THAT IS THE PRETEXT UNDER WHICH HELL MASTER TOOK GOURRY-SAMA CAPTIVE, THEN... WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT IT...?
AND WHEN YOU DO, OUR WORLD WOULD SUCCUMB TO DARKNESS
I'M TALKING ABOUT HELL MASTER'S PLAN FOR YOU
HELL MASTER IS BAITING YOU INTO USING THAT SPELL SO YOU'LL LOSE CONTROL OF IT.
I'VE REALIZED THAT I DON'T HAVE TO CONFIDENCE TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE COMPLETE VERSION OF THE SPELL.
...YOU'RE RIGHT. EVER SINCE I LEARNED OF THE LORD OF NIGHTMARES' TRUE FORM
— WHAT'S MORE—
I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE UP GOURRY, EITHER
— BUT
— THEN YOU'RE GOING TO...!?

LINA-SAN--
YAWWWN!

THIS WHOLE STATE OF AFFAIRS IS JUST TOO SAD... I DON'T WANT TO LET IT CONTINUE ON LIKE THIS FOREVER

WELL, RATHER THAN HOLING OURSELVES UP IN SOME ROOM ALL DAY LONG, STEWING OVER THE INEVITABLE,
HOW ABOUT WE CONDUCT A LITTLE INVESTIGATION OF OUR OWN ON THAT MONUMENT, EH?

IF WORSE COMES TO WORST, WE CAN ALWAYS PRY OPEN A DOOR BY OUR OWN BRUTE STRENGTH,
RIGHT GUYS!
AH, YES!

—HUH?
A DOOR
WH WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THIS SUPPOSED TO TELL US?
I THINK WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE THIS AS AN INVITATION
YEAH
TH THEN I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD JUST GO IN ?

BUT WHY WASN'T THERE A DOOR WHEN WE VISITED EARLIER, I WONDER?
WHO KNOWS? MAYBE THE PLACE WAS RANK AND THEY WANTED TO PUT OUT A BOWL OF POTPOURRI BEFORE THEY LET ANYONE IN?
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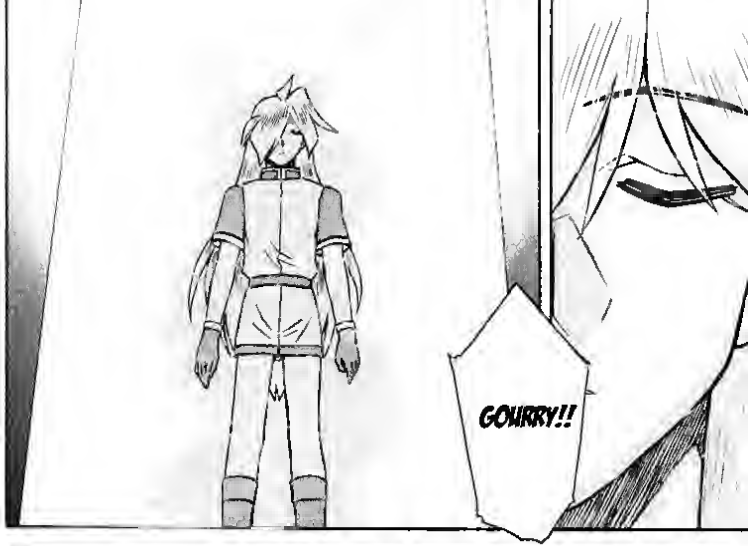
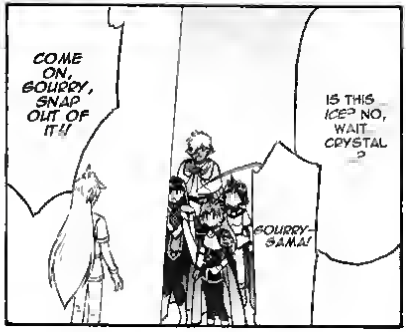
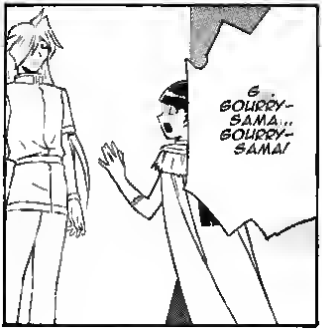
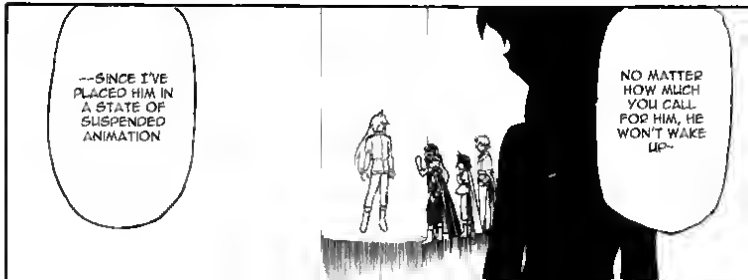

GOURRY!!

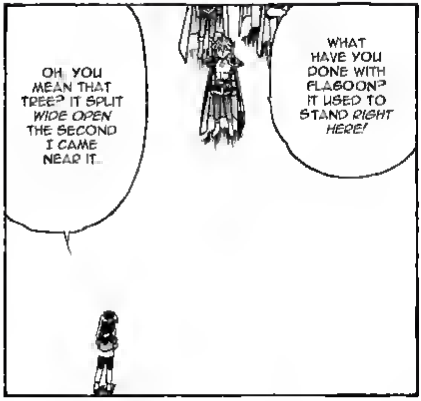

COME ON, GOURRY, SNAP OUT OF IT!
IS THIS ICE? NO, WAIT... CRYSTAL ?
GOURRY-SAMA!


GOURRY-SAMA... GOURRY-SAMA!


--SINCE I'VE PLACED HIM IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU CALL FOR HIM, HE WON'T WAKE UP~

WHAT?
SURELY YOU CAN'T MEAN THIS LITTLE GIRL?
HELL MASTER PHIBRIZZO
WELCOME, ONE AND ALL, TO MY CASTLE.
I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.
NO, SHE'S RIGHT.
I AM HELL MASTER PHIBRIZZO.
I GUESS YOU COULD ALSO CALL ME... KING OF SAIRAAG, CITY OF GHOSTS.

I GUESS IT JUST KEPT TRYING TO SUCK OUT *MINE* UNTIL IT TOOK IN SO MUCH THAT IT FINALLY POPPED
IT WAS ONE OF THOSE TREES THAT GROW BY SUCKING IN MIASMA, RIGHT?


OH, YOU MEAN THAT TREE? IT SPLIT *WIDE OPEN* THE SECOND I CAME NEAR IT...
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH FLAGOON? IT USED TO STAND *RIGHT HERE!*

THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY BE *ILLUSIONS* THEY'RE FAR TOO COMPLEX
AND... WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE IN THE CITY? NO, *WHAT* ARE THEY?

SO I BUILT THIS MONUMENT, "THE DARK LORD'S PALACE" AT THE BASE OF THE TREE'S ROOTS AND SUPPRESSED THE SURROUNDING MIASMA
BUT I KNEW IF I JUST LEFT THINGS LIKE *THAT*, I'D END UP WITH ALL SORTS OF TROUBLE ON MY HANDS.

OF COURSE YOU'RE AWARE THE PREVIOUS INHABITANTS OF THIS TOWN ARE LONG DEAD. I MERELY GAVE SOLID FORM TO THOSE FRAGMENTS THEY LEFT BEHIND
THEY'RE MY PERSONAL PUPPETS, EACH IMBUED WITH A BIT OF MY OWN WILL.
THEN, ONE LAST QUESTION
DOESN'T IT LIVE UP TO ITS OTHER NAME?
SAIRAAS HAS LITERALLY TURNED INTO THE "CITY OF GHOSTS". HILARIOUS, ISN'T IT?
NEUH-!
NOW, NOW, ONEE-SAN, LET'S NOT GET AHEAD OF OUR-SELVES
WE'VE GOT LOADS OF TIME

I'LL TELL YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW.
IF YOU MANAGE TO WIN MY GAME.

A GAME?
YEP. THE RULES ARE SIMPLE--
IF YOU CAN DEFEAT ME IN BATTLE, THEN I'LL LET YOU KEEP THAT GUY
YOU'LL RETURN GOURRY-SAMA?
THAT'S RIGHT. AS FOR HOW IT WORKS, YOU CAN ATTACK ME AND I DON'T GET TO FIGHT BACK
BUT IF YOU CAN'T DEFEAT ME, WE'LL CONSIDER IT MY WIN

SO! HOW ABOUT IT, ONEE-SAN?
MEANING OUR ONLY OPTION, IF WE WANT TO WIN THIS FIGHT,
IS TO SHOW HER THAT I'D BE WILLING TO USE THAT SPELL.
NOT NECESSARILY. I'D BE MORE THAN SATISFIED KNOWING THAT YOU HUMANS UNDERSTOOD THE FUTILITY OF YOUR RESISTANCE.
AFTER THAT YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO US. IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY?
A generous offer though, I have to admit.
SYLPH!
VERY WELL! I ACCEPT YOUR CHAL-LENGE!
A GAME, IS IT?
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CHAPTER 41 - HELL MASTER'S GAME

....WHA!?
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SY... SYLPH-IEL!
THAT WAS AMAZING, SYLPHIEL-SAN!
WHAT WAS THAT, SYLPHIEL? I THOUGHT YOU HATED OFFENSIVE MAGIC!
HUH?
I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE TO YOU LINA-SAN
—— I MADE AN EXCEP-TION
AWW, THAT'S TOO BAD. AND YOU TRIED SO HARD, DIDN'T YOU?

SY... SYLPH-IEL?
!!
CRACK!
THAT'S ONE DOWN ♡
I HOPE YOU DIDN'T *SERIOUSLY* THINK SOMETHING THAT WEAK WOULD BE ENOUGH TO KILL ME

BUT KNOW THIS, VILLAIN! SO LONG AS THE FLAMES OF JUSTICE BURN WITHIN OUR HEARTS, YOUR EVIL SCHEMES WILL NEVER COME TO FRUITION, NOT FOR ALL OF ETERNITY!
HA! IN OTHER WORDS, WE HAVE ONLY ONE SHOT!
WHA... WHAT!!?
IF YOU LOSE, THEN I'LL JUST ENCASE YOU IN ONE OF MY CRYSTALS
OH, RIGHT, I KNEW I FORGOT TO MENTION SOME-THING
SO DOES THAT MEAN YOU GUYS ARE "ALLIES OF JUSTICE" OR SOME-THING?
WOOOW.
OH, COME ON, AMELIA!!
LEAVING LINA-SAN OUT OF THE EQUATION, YES!
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NOW, NOW ISN'T THAT PRETTY CLOSED-MINDED OF YOU?
AFTER ALL, THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF "JUSTICE"
OUR JUSTICE WOULD NEVER WAVER IN THE FACE OF SUCH A RIDICULOUS CONCEPT!
TO US MAZOKU, "JUSTICE" MEANS RETURNING THIS WORLD TO ABSOLUTE NOTHING-NESS
WELL, HERE'S SOMETHING I'LL BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW EVEN MY KIND, WHO DESIRE DESTRUCTION, AND YOUR KIND, DESIRING LIFE,
--WERE ORIGINALLY SPLIT OFF FROM THE VERY SAME BEING

COULD SHE BE TALKING ABOUT---
THAT — ?
ANY EXISTENCE WILL RESULT IN THE BIRTH OF COUNTLESS CONFLICTS--
WHILE NOTHING-NESS, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS PERFECT IT CREATES NOTHING, AND WANTS FOR NOTHING
SO RATHER THAN ACCEPTING OUR "EXISTENCE" AND WANDERING IN A STATE OF PERPETUAL CONFLICT, WE THINK IT MORE WISE TO AIM TOWARDS THE MOST PERFECT RULE OF ORDER -- ABSOLUTE VOID
THAT'S EXACTLY THE END WE MAZOKU STRIVE FOR.

IF YOU WANT DESTRUCTION SO BADLY, THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST DESTROY YOURSELVES!
I'm sure no one would stop you!
YOU JUST DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
WE DON'T ONLY WISH FOR OUR OWN EXISTENCES TO COME TO AN END...
UNLESS WE DESTROY THIS WORLD ITSELF, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTAIN THAT PERFECT ORDER.
AT ANY RATE, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE NOT GIVING US MUCH OF A CHOICE BUT TO SETTLE THIS RIGHT NOW.
WELL, YEAH, THAT'S ABOUT IT
TAKE CARE OF THE REST, LINA
WELL THEN, SHALL WE BEGIN?
UH...

GOZ VII ROU!
HMPH
Ra Tilt!!

IN THAT CASE--
TSK!
YOU'RE JUST WASTING YOUR BREATH
FWOOSH
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU TRY, IT'LL NEVER WORK
RIGHT, THEN, TWO MORE DOWN

BUT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LIVE UP TO MY EXPECTATIONS, WON'T YOU, ONEE-SAN?
LOOKS LIKE YOUR FRIENDS HAVE ALL LOST THE GAME
AMELIA! ZEL!!
BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T, THESE PEOPLE—
WELL, I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO THEM, DON'T YOU?

...FINE, YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT LOUD AND CLEAR
I'LL CAST THAT DAMNED SPELL FOR YOU--
THE GIGA SLAVE!!
BUT BEFORE I DO--
YOU'LL HAVE TO FULFILL MY OWN CONDI-TIONS, FIRST.
WOW,
SO YOU'VE FINALLY CAUGHT ON, HUH?
TELL ME WHAT YOU DID WITH ELENA-CHAN.

I'M RIGHT, AREN'T I?
THE REASON THIS BUILDING INITIALLY LACKED AN ENTRANCE THAT WAS BECAUSE YOU DION'T WANT TO LET HER SISTER INSIDE
SHE TOLD US ELENA RAN AWAY FROM HOME A FEW WEEKS AGO-- BUT THAT ISN'T TRUE, IS IT?
WE MET UP WITH HER OLDER SISTER OUTSIDE.
I FIGURED IT WOULD BE MUCH TOO DIFFICULT TO TRY AND EXPLAIN THINGS TO HER.
—HEHE. THAT'S RIGHT.
E..... ELENA!?
EH?
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THAT'LL BE A MOOT POINT SOON ENOUGH

I THOUGHT THIS PLACE LOOKED FISHY, SO I CAME BACK--
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU REALLY WERE...
WHAT... IS THIS PLACE...?
HEHEH THIS IS MY CASTLE, BIG SISTER.
NOW, YOU TWO, LISTEN CAREFULLY.
YOU SEE, "ELENA"--
WHA- WHAT? STOP PLAYING AROUND.

WHA..
YOU ATE HER...?
BECAUSE I, HELL MASTER, DEVOURED HER
SHE NO LONGER EXISTS!
—AND THE PERFECT CANDI-DATE--
BUT I WANTED SOMEONE WHO COULD INVOKE THE MOST TURMOIL WITHIN LINA-ONEE-CHAN, BUT AT THE SAME TIME WAS SOMEONE I'D BE ABLE TO GRAB HOLD OF WITH THE LEAST AMOUNT OF DIFFICULTY...
RIGHT —
TO BE COMPLETELY HONEST, IT DIDN'T MATTER WHO I CHOSE, SO LONG AS THEY HAD TIES TO THE ONE NAMED "LINA INVERSE."
WAS THE BODY OF LITTLE ELENA

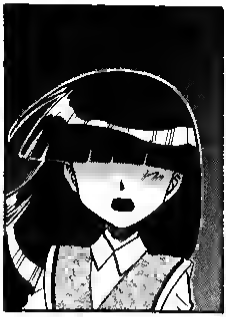
GUH-!
E ENOUGH NON-SENSE
WHA... WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING TO HER...?
LILI
WELL, CRUSHING HER WINDPIPE AND STRANGLING HER TO DEATH WOULD REALLY JUST BE CHILD'S PLAY FOR ME
TH...! THAT'S ENOUGH! STOP IT!!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS!?
OH, PLEASE ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
IT'S JUST MORE FUN THIS WAY.

I GOT YOUR POINT! IF YOU WANT TO GO SO FAR JUST TO RILE ME UP, THEN YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A FIGHT!
— FINE...
GAH!
LET'S THROW DOWN, HELL MASTER!
HAHA
THAT'S RIGHT — COME AT ME
SHINE

HOW... DARE YOU .....!

.....!?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING !!!?

O Golden lord of Darkness who flows with the ebb of the Sea of Chaos.
Thou, Darker than the depths of Darkness
Thou, Deeper than the blackest of Nights



IF I COULD JUST DEFEAT HER WITH THIS, THEN I COULD PUT AN END TO THIS CHARADE!
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP THIS INCOMPLETE VERSION IN CHECK IF I CALL ON THE TALISMANS' POWER.

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LINA SAN
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SO IT DIDN'T WORK...
I LEFT A BIT OF MY ASTRAL BODY BEHIND AS A DECOY, WHILE I HID THE REST OF MY SELF OVER IN THE SPIRIT PLANE
SO NONE OF THE DAMAGE YOU TRIED TO INFLICT ON ME AFFECTED MY REAL BODY AT ALL
IN HERE, MY WILL IS LAW
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU CONTINUE TO OPPOSE ME?
WH WHAT'S GOING ON!? WHAT DOES SHE WANT YOU TO DO!?

SHE WANTS TO USE ME TO WIPE OUT THE WORLD
TO COMPLETELY DESTROY IT... WITHOUT A TRACE...
YOU'RE A MAZOKU, AREN'T YOU!? IF YOUR KIND WANTS EVERYTHING DESTROYED SO BADLY, THEN WHY CAN'T YOU CAST YOUR OWN SPELLS TO DO IT?
A GOOD IDEA IN THEORY,
BUT PURE MAZOKU SUCH AS MYSELF AREN'T ABLE TO DRAW ON ANOTHER BEING'S POWER
ACTUALLY, I GUESS YOU COULD REFUSE IF YOU WANTED TO
SO DO US ALL A FAVOR AND CAST THE *REAL* DEAL THIS TIME WOULD YOU?
... AND IF YOU *REFUSED*...

IF YOU DON'T MIND THE THOUGHT OF YOUR FRIENDS BEING SMASHED TO BITS, THAT IS
!!
HEHEH... TO START US OFF--

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CHAPTER 42 - THE LORD OF NIGHTMARES' POWER

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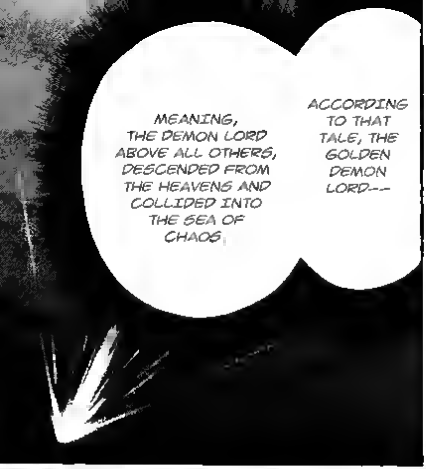
FINE, I'LL DO IT
RAISE
TEE-HEE
Darker than the depths of Darkness
Deeper Than the Blackest of Nights
O, Sea of Chaos That Ebbs and Flows,
Thou Golden Lord of Darkness--


ACCORDING TO THAT TALE, THE GOLDEN DEMON LORD---
MEANING, THE DEMON LORD ABOVE ALL OTHERS, DESCENDED FROM THE HEAVENS AND COLLIDED INTO THE SEA OF CHAOS.

THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'RE DOING JUST FINE, ONEE-SAN.
A LONG TIME AGO, SOMEONE TOLD ME A STORY.

BUT THE CLAIR BIBLE TOLD ME A DIFFERENT VERSION OF THAT STORY— THE TRUE VERSION.
IT SAID THAT THE SEA OF CHAOS STRETCHING OUT BENEATH MULTIPLE WORLDS
WAS NONE OTHER THAN THE GOLDEN DEMON LORD ITSELF.

---AND I GOT TO THINKING... WOULDN'T THAT MAKE THE ACTUAL "SEA OF CHAOS" THE SOURCE OF ALL THAT EXISTS?
STANDING WITHIN THE SEA OF CHAOS, THERE ARE A MULTITUDE OF STAVES; UPON ONE OF WHICH RESTS OUR OWN WORLD.
THE LEGEND SAYS THUS:
E....

EVERY-THING WILL BE OVER.
VERY SOON NOW,
HUH, NO KIDDING? THIS GIRL SAID THAT, DID SHE? HAHA
ELENA, THAT'S ENOUGH! STOP THIS! MAKE HER STOP!
DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID THE NIGHT BEFORE YOU LEFT?
AWW, SORRY 'BOUT THAT, BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP NOW. SHE'S ALREADY FINISHED THE INCANTATION
YOU SAID THAT YOU WANTED TO BECOME STRONGER! THAT YOU WANTED TO KEEP THE WORLD SAFE!
NO GOOD..! I CAN'T HOLD IT MUCH LONGER THAN THIS...!
IF THIS THING GOES OUT OF CONTROL, THEN EVERY-THING WILL TURN OUT JUST AS SYLPHIEL SAID..!
THE WORLD WILL CEASE TO BE,
AND THAT'S WHAT HELL MASTER WANTS.
BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT SCARES ME THE MOST... THE ONE THING I'M MOST AFRAID OF...

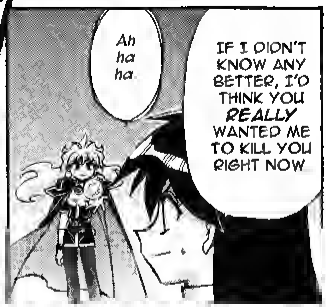
SHAVE
DESPITE EVERY-THING!
IS LOSING THE MEMORIES I HAVE OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED ME THIS FAR...
GIVE ME STRENGTH, JUST THIS ONCE...
OH GOLDEN LORD, CREATOR OF ALL THINGS —
SO PLEASE, I BEG OF YOU...
— If you draw upon my power, I shall require something of equal value from you...
— despite that, is this your wish?

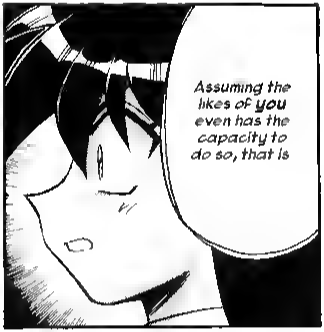
HER HAIR'S CHANGED COLOR AGAIN!?
LINA-SAN
HM... MM.
SOME-HOW,
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ACTUALLY MANAGED TO CONTROL THE GIGA SLAVE

LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY. REMEMBER HOW I TOLD YOU I BROUGHT EVERYTHING IN THIS CITY BACK TO LIFE BY PLACING A BIT OF MY OWN BEING INTO EVERYTHING THAT EXISTED HERE?
I'VE ALREADY PREPARED A BIT OF "INSURANCE" JUST IN CASE SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED.
— OH, BUT THIS DOESN'T MEAN I'VE *LOST* TO YOU - NOT BY A LONG SHOT
...?
THAT *ISN'T* LINA-SAN ...!?
— *Oh?*
THE *INSTANT* YOU LAID FOOT IN THIS TOWN,
A *TEENY-TINY* BIT OF MYSELF
ENTERED *YOUR* BODY AS WELL, *ONEE-SAN.* ♬

—BUT— I'D BE WASTING MY TIME IF I ATTEMPTED A NORMAL ATTACK ON YOU RIGHT NOW—
—And what of it?
Hmm...
NOW, IF I WERE TO KILL YOU, WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN TO THAT UNCONTROLLED "DARKNESS" YOU'RE HOLDING IN YOUR HAND RIGHT NOW?
I COULD DESTROY YOUR BODY FROM THE INSIDE OUT JUST BY MANIPULATING THE PIECE OF MYSELF THAT'S INSIDE YOU RIGHT NOW.
Indeed, what would happen?

THEN... THEN I'LL GIVE YOU JUST WHAT YOU WANT!


Ah ha ha
IF I DION'T KNOW ANY BETTER, I'O THINK YOU REALLY WANTED ME TO KILL YOU RIGHT NOW


Assuming the likes of you even has the capacity to do so, that is

I'LL KILL YOU BY RIPPING YOUR BODY TO SHREDS, FROM THE INSIDE OUT!!

FADE
HEH... AH HA! HA HA HA HA HA!
HAH HAH HAH!
LINA-SA...!
!?
IMPOS-SIBLE...
Y.... YOU ....!
HOW WERE YOU REVIVED!?

YOU CAN'T BE...!
N...
NO!
THIS ISN'T THE END I WANTED ...!
THIS ISN'T...
NOOO!!
I shall grant you your destruction, Hell Master Phibrizzo...
This destruction which you so desire...
GH... AGH!
A MAZOKU.. JUST... LIKE ME ..!?
WH... WHY!? WEREN'T YOU...
HEEK!

Not even running to the Astral Side will save you
Now be a good child, and quietly succumb to your destruction
F.WOOW!
GWA... AAUH ...!!!
<END CHAPTER 42>

最終話(さいしゅうわ)　リナの帰還(きかん)～大団円(だいだんえん)～

FINAL CHAPTER - LINA'S RETURN ~THE GRAND FINALE~

WHY!?
WH...
HNN-
NAAAA
AAAA
GGHH-
HHH!!
WHY!?
FWOOM
You wished to destroy this world with your little "game", did you not?
Pathetic child. Such a scheme was simply beyond your ability.
HAS IT COME TO THIS!?

FAFL
You will disappear, child, all alone ——
If you thought this world I created was so tedious, I needn't show you any mercy
GH...
WAGH!!
SPLURT
AH...
AH..!
Y...YOU KILLED IT?
YOU KILLED THE MAZOKU!?

YOU KILLED ELENA?

EH?
WHA-?
...UM!?
Worry not; I have stolen her from Hell Master's grasp.

SLASH!!
EH!?
THUD
GAH!?

Y... YOU'RE WRONG! THIS IS ELENA!
...At least, I think it is
HEE...! HE-HELL MASTER!?
THE SPELL'S BEEN... BROKEN!?
— BUT.....
HELL MASTER... WAS DEFEATED BY LINA-SAN.
IS EVERY-ONE UN-HARMED...!?
!?
CRASH!
GOURRY-SAMA!
WHA WHAT IS THIS PLACE? WHERE ARE WE!?
BAD NEWS, EVERY-ONE!
A... ARE YOU AL-RIGHT?
OOOOH NOW I REMEMBER THAT HELL... UH, HELLWHATEVER, KIDNAPPED ME AND BROUGHT ME HERE...
HUH? THE SWORD OF LIGHT!?

LINA.....
WHAT!?
AFTER LINA-SAN DEFEATED HELL MASTER, SHE SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED!!
WHA-
OH
LINA! WHERE ARE YOU!?
LINA!
LINA-SAN!?
LINAAA!?
SOURRY SA MA.

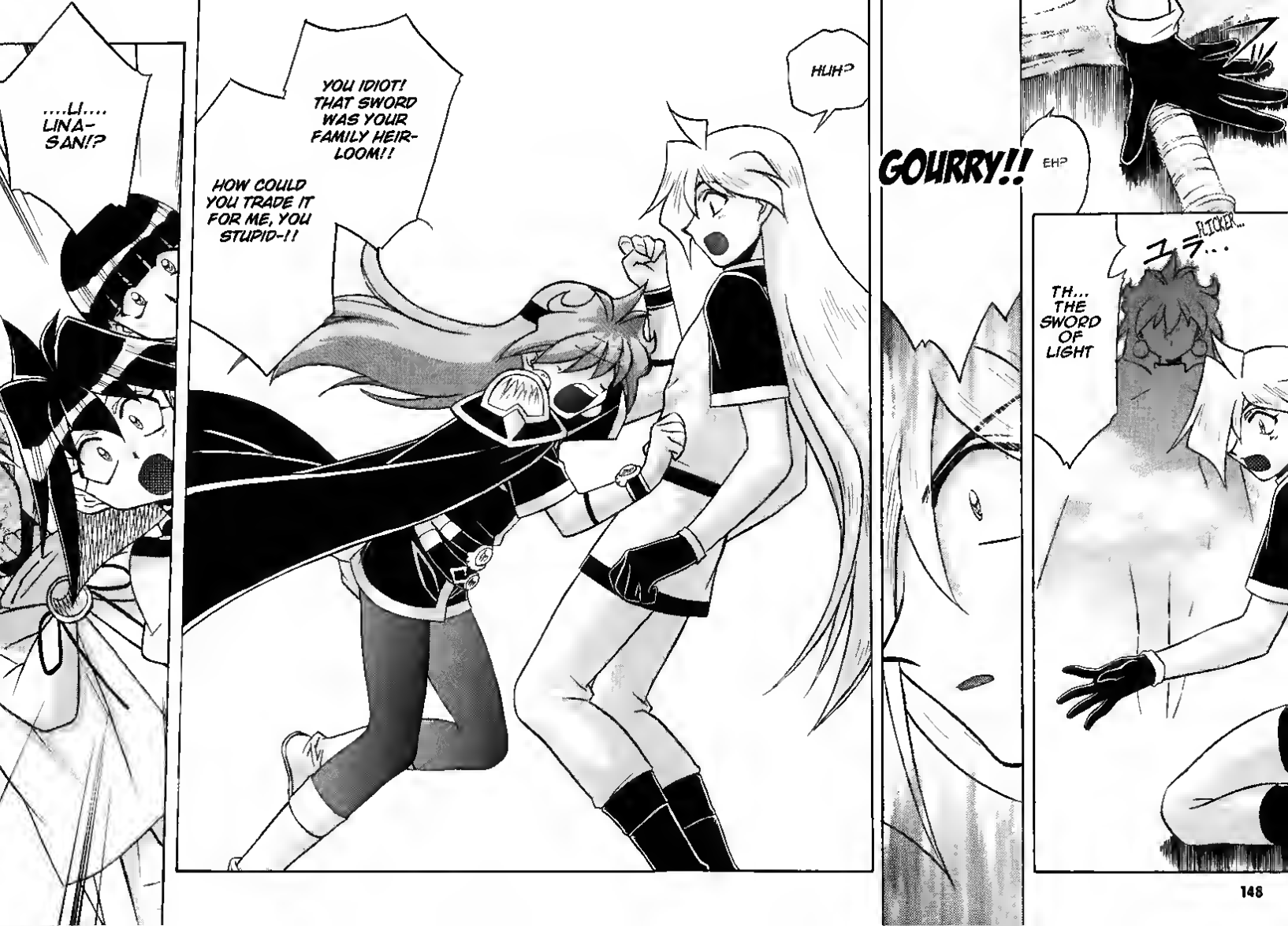
LINA!!
LINA!?
COME ON! HELL MASTER'S ALREADY GONE, YOU KNOW!?
LINA, WAIT UP!
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
SLIP

She will return to Chaos.
This human has offered her body in exchange for calling upon my power
LI... LINA!?
Such was this human's wish, so that you would all be liberated.
IN E... EXCHANGE!?
LINA!?
GOU-RRY--SAN!?
...N... NO... NO!

ARE YOU SAYING... THAT LINA ISN'T HERE ANYMORE!?
Aye... Her Flesh, as well as Soul, will return to the Chaos from whence it came.
And there she shall stay, for all of eternity..
YOU... YOU CAN'T!! I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN! I'VE BEEN DOING MY DAMNDEST THIS WHOLE TIME JUST TO KEEP ANYTHING LIKE THAT FROM HAPPENING TO HER!
IF SHE DISAPPEARS IN SPITE OF ALL THAT, THEN WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE ME!?
COME ON... I'M BEGGING YOU GIVE HER GIVE LINA BACK!!
IF IT'S FOR HER THEN I'D—
I would expect something from you in return... Is this what you truly desire?
THAT'S RIGHT

AS LONG AS IT WOULD BRING LINA BACK TO THIS WORLD... TAKE WHATEVER YOU WANT FROM ME.
GOURRY.... SAN.

Haha... Honestly...
It seems that I have mothered some rather interesting creations.
...EH?
Reach out and take it...
UH... HMM?
HUH?
B BIG SIS-TER?
ELENA
I shall grant you....
the World which you desire.


....LI.... LINA-SAN!?
YOU IDIOT! THAT SWORD WAS YOUR FAMILY HEIR-LOOM!!
HOW COULD YOU TRADE IT FOR ME, YOU STUPID-!!
HUH?
GOURRY!!
EH?
FLICKER...
TH... THE SWORD OF LIGHT

I....
LINA!?
I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE....
HOW RIDICU-LOUSLY STUPID YOU ARE!
LINA!

SO SAIRAAG REALLY HAS BEEN LOST...
CLUNG
LIKE EVERYTHING WE'VE SEEN UNTIL NOW WAS JUST A DREAM...
HEY, ONEE-CHAN?
WHAT'RE WE DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
I HAD A REALLY SCARY DREAM WHERE I WAS ALL BY MYSELF, AND I COULDN'T STOP CRYING...
SO WHEN I WOKE UP, AND I WASN'T ALONE ANY-MORE...
—THAT MADE ME REALLY HAPPY

HEHE, HEY, LISTEN! MY MAGIC GOT EVEN STRONGER, YOU KNOW! ♪
AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU...
ELENA-CHAN
GOSH, THIS IS REALLY EMBAR-RASSING
AND I EVEN SAID WAS GONNA GET STRONGER TOO
AND EVERYONE ELSE WAS THERE FOR ME.
SO THANKS GUYS ♡
HUH?
N... NAAAH

ER- UH, WELL, AHAHA--
BUT SINCE HELL MASTER HAS BEEN DEFEATED
I SUPPOSE THAT MEANS YOU USED THAT SPELL AFTER ALL, DIDN'T YOU?
WE WERE ABLE TO THWART HELL MASTER'S EVIL PLAN BECAUSE WE HAD THE POWER OF TRUE JUSTICE ON OUR SIDE!
THAT IS BESIDE THE POINT!
SO LONG AS JUSTICE IS UPHELD, THAT IS ALL THAT MATTERS!!
WE DIDN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING, THOUGH
— IN ANY CASE, IT TRULY IS A RELIEF THAT EVERY-ONE IS SAFE
TH- THAT'S WHAT COUNTS, RIGHT?
AH HA HA HA...
— WELL, THEN, WHAT DOES EVERYONE PLAN TO DO NOW THAT WE'VE FIN-ISHED HERE?

I'LL PROBABLY END UP WANDERING AROUND ON ANOTHER JOURNEY.
I'LL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR A WAY TO RETURN MY BODY TO NORMAL
I INTEND TO SPREAD WORD OF JUSTICE'S CONTINUED TRIUMPH OVER EVIL!
I SHALL RETURN TO SEYRUUN!
HUH? WHO, ME?
UM... AND... AND YOU, GOURRY-SAMA?
WELL... I KINDA THOUGHT I SHOULD...
...WH...WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME!?
—I DUNNO, WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO?
SOMEDAY, I WISH TO BECOME A FULLY-FLEDGED HIGH PRIESTESS
THOUGH I MAY ONLY BE ASSISTING MY UNCLE FOR NOW,
—— I UNDERSTAND I, TOO, WILL RETURN TO SEYRUUN

I WISH TO REBUILD SAIRAAG.
AND WHEN THAT TIME COMES,
IS THAT RIGHT... WELL, GOOD LUCK, SYLPHIEL.
VI
THIS IS WHERE WE SAY OUR GOOD-BYES
WELL I GUESS

EVERY-ONE!
BE HAPPY, NO MATTER WHAT.

GUESS THEY'RE ALL GONE, HUH
OH, MAN
YEP. I REALLY WANTED TO EAT AT LEAST ONE LAST MEAL WITH THEM ALL.
FADE
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, XELLOSS.
WELL, THAT'S RATHER MEAN OF YOU!

I WAS ONLY WAITING FOR THE MOST OPPORTUNE TIME TO SHOW MYSELF
WHAT DO YOU WANT *NOW*?
YOU'RE NOT HERE TO AVENGE HELL MASTER, ARE YOU?
HAHAHA! OH DON'T BE *SILLY*!
IF ANYTHING, I SHOULD BE THANKING YOU ALL FOR FREEING ME FROM SUCH A TROUBLESOME ASSIGNMENT.
HUH. NO KIDDIN'
TYPICAL MUSASHI
AHAHAHA!
I MUST SAY, YOU HAVE TRULY EARNED MY RESPECT!
TO BE HONEST, I WAS JUST AS SHOCKED AT WHAT HAPPENED BACK *THERE* AS THE REST OF YOU
TO AWAKEN ONE SO GREAT IN SUCH A CAPRICIOUS MOOD MUST SURELY BE AN EXTRAORDINARY FEAT.

GRANTED, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO COMPREHEND, CONSIDERING YOUR LIMITED LIFE-SPAN...
HM-MM?
OH, SURELY NOT! COMING FROM ME, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THAT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE COMPLIMENT.
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF US?
WOULD YOU PREFER THAT WE TOOK THIS CHANCE TO GIVE OUR RELATIONSHIP A MORE FINAL "CONCLUSION"?
I SHALL PRAY THAT OUR PATHS WILL NEVER CROSS AGAIN
WELL WITH THIS, I WILL RETURN TO BEING GREATER BEAST-SAMA'S SUBORDINATE.
—OR,

HAHA... THE NEXT TIME WE MEET... WE'LL BE ENEMIES, HUH.
— WELL, LET'S PART ON GOOD TERMS FOR NOW.
WE'LL THINK ABOUT THAT WHEN THE TIME COMES, SHALL WE?
I SEE
SEE YOU AROUND, XELLOSS
I'LL GO AHEAD AND PRAY THAT WE NEVER MEET AGAIN
OH, YES
THIS IS HOW IT SHOULD BE, RIGHT?
PROB-ABLY

WHY DO YOU KEEP EXPECTING ME TO GIVE YOU ALL THE ANSWERS?
SERIOUSLY, WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO NOW, LINA?
I MEAN, IT'S JUST---
— BY THE WAY, UH...
...WHICH KINDA MAKES ME WONDER... WHAT GOOD AM I NOW?
IF I DON'T HAVE MY SWORD ANYMORE, I WON'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT YOU FROM NOW ON...
WELL, LET'S SEE...
"SELF-PROCLAIMED," YOU MEAN... EH. MAYBE THAT'S NOT THE MOST APPROPRIATE RESPONSE FOR THE SITUATION RIGHT NOW.
OF COURSE I WAS! I'M SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR GUARDIAN!
GIVE ME A BREAK! YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT A PIDDLY LITTLE THING LIKE THAT?

WHA-
WHAAAT!?
Who is this nice person and what has she done with Link?!
THAT'S IT! I'LL FIND YOU A REPLACE-MENT FOR THE SWORD OF LIGHT!
YOU DID TRADE THE SWORD FOR ME AFTER ALL, SO I KINDA FEEL LIKE IT'S MY RESPONSI-BILITY.
BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK IT'S GONNA BE EASY TO FIND SOME-THING LIKE THAT?
IF YOU WANNA ARGUE SPECIFICS, THAT'S THE BEST ANSWER TO ANYTHING, ISN'T IT?
...UH, WHAT?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! ♡
HEY NOW, THAT'S A PRETTY LONG TIME YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT —
WE MIGHT SPEND OUR ENTIRE LIVES LOOKING FOR IT... BUT SURE!

...EH?
UNTIL WE FIND YOU A NEW SWORD, I'LL BE THE ONE PROTECTING YOU!
...LINA!

DON'T ASK ME! I'M NOT THE ONE DOING THE THINK-ING HERE!
WHERE DID YOU HAVE IN MIND?
SLAP!
AGH! OWCH!
AT LEAST THINK A LITTLE, WOULD YOU!?
Where the hell did you pull that thing from!?

THEN LET'S GO! LET'S GO, RIGHT NOW!
YOU MEAN... YOU'LL BE WITH ME UNTIL WE FIND A NEW SWORD, RIGHT? NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS?

EVERYONE WITH THEIR OWN MOTIVATIONS,
IN THIS WORLD WHERE EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN DREAMS AND AMBITIONS,
AND SO, WE SET OUT ON YET ANOTHER ADVENTURE —
WE ALL WENT FORTH DOWN OUR INDIVIDUAL PATHS, EACH OF US SETTING OUT TO FULFILL OUR OWN DREAMS —
THE END

NO KIDDING IT'S DAYS LIKE THESE THAT REALLY MAKE YOU WANT TO GO SWIMMING AT THE BEACH
PHEW-! IT'S SO HOT!
GO-
WAIT
GOURRY-SAN!?
HUH?
WELL, YEAH SURE I WAS.
WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE CAPTURED BY HELL MASTER?
AW, CUT ME SOME SLACK!!
THIS CHAPTER IS TOTALLY NON-LINEAR!
LET ME GUESS... SHE TOSSED YOU OUT 'CAUSE YOUR JELLYFISH BRAINS MADE YOU COMPLETELY WORTHLESS, DIDN'T SHE?

超番外編　夏!!
SUPER EXTRA CHAPTER - SUMMER!!

AH, REALLY? THAT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING!
LISTEN UP, YOU'RE IN FOR A SHOCKER! WE'RE DOING A "SPECIAL BONUS CHAPTER" THIS TIME AROUND!
超番外編 夏!!
SPECIAL EXTRA CHAPTER - SUMMER!!

HEY, I'M PRETTY SURE THERE'S A BEACH SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE
YOU WANNA CHECK IT OUT?
OH, QUIT YOUR BELLY-ACHIN'! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THIS!
HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT WHEN WE'RE ACTUALLY IN A TERRIBLE SITUATION...
HOLD IT "THAT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING"...?!

"T/N: IN CASE YOU HADN'T FIGURED IT OUT BY NOW, THIS CHAPTER WAS APPARENTLY ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED DURING THE TIME WHERE GOURRY WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE. =P

—YOU YOUNGSTERS WANNA PUT YOURSELVES IN MY SHOES FOR A DAY, THEN?
JEEZE... USING MONEY TO HOG A NICE BEACH LIKE THAT ALL TO THEMSELVES... WHAT A STINGY BUNCH OF JERKS!
AHHH, NAH, THAT'S NOT GONNA WORK! THAT BEACH YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS FOR PRIVATE-USE ONLY.
EH?
HMPH! I'D LOVE TO GET MY HANDS ON YOU IRRESPONSIBLE KIDS WITH YOUR IGNORANT TALK—
AND TEACH YOU THE REAL JOYS OF A HARD DAY OF HONEST WORK!

AFTER THAT NASTY STORM LAST NIGHT, A LOT OF SEA-WEED SWEPT ASHORE
SO I WAS THINKING ABOUT LETTING YOU YOUNG'UNS TAKE CARE OF IT FOR ME ESPE-CIALLY
ASK SOME-BODY ELSE, GRAMPS!
THERE WE GO! THAT GOT YOUR AT-TENTION, DIDN'T IT?
ONCE YOU FINISHED CLEANING IT UP, I'D BE FINE WITH LETTING YOU USE THE BEACH UNTIL SUNDOWN, THOUGH
stop
THROW IN ONE HELL OF A BANQUET, OL' MAN,
AND YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A DEAL.

SHAA
SHAA
WOW
OWNING A BEACH MUST BE A PRETTY ROUGH BUSINESS...
WELL, IT HAS A LOT TO DO WITH THE BEACH'S LOCATION...
WHAT I REALLY WANTED--
WAS A TROPICAL CORAL REEF WHERE ALL SORTS OF SWEET YOUNG BEACH BUNNIES WOULD FLOCK TO!
----BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS IS ALL I ENDED UP WITH
UH-HUH
Bubblegum
Re-Animators

W...WELL, ALRIGHT, GUYS! LET'S HURRY UP AND TAKE CARE OF THIS MESS!
RIGHT ON!
HMPH! I DON'T PARTICULARLY FEEL LIKE DOING THIS, BUT WHAT THE HELL. I'LL TAG ALONG
EXCUSE ME... IS THERE A PLACE WHERE WE CAN CHANGE?
OH, RIGHT!
GO AHEAD AND USE THIS SHED.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
OH, YOU'RE GOING IN, TOO?
YOU DON'T SEEM TO HAVE MUCH TO BE MODEST ABOUT...
HAHAHA! OH MAN, YOU SAID IT!
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
NOT REALLY
SLAM!
DARN IT....
WHY IS EVERYONE SO OBSESSED WITH GIANT BREASTS, ANYWAY!?

RAKE
RAKE
SPLASH!
THINGS ARE GONNA BE DIFFERENT THIS TIME. THIS SUPER-EXPLOSIVE SWIMSUIT I BOUGHT THIS YEAR...
--IS THE PERFECT COUNTER-ATTACK!
HMM?
COME TO THINK OF IT, ISN'T LINA-SAN RUNNING RATHER LATE?
YOU DON'T THINK SHE COULD BE DOING SOMETHING TO MY KNICK-KNACKS, DO YOU...?
my collection is fairly impressive eh?
URK KNOWING LINA, IT'S ENTIRELY POSSIBLE
ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
But I was only kidding!
HE-Y!
SORRY I TOOK-SO-LONG~

BEHOLD THE ACCENTUATED CLEAVAGE!
TA-DA!
NOWAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!
HYAAAAAAAAAHHH!?
KYAA! NO-!! HORNY OL' GEEZER!!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH MY PRECIOUS KNICK-KNACKS!?
UH, WHAT?
BAM!
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU GUYS THINK I WAS UP TO_?
WOAH, THAT'S A SHOCKER
OH, COME NOW. YOU GOT ME WORKED UP FOR NOTHING. SHE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WITH THEM.

WORK HARD TO MAKE UP FOR BEING SO LATE
HERE'S YOUR RAKE, CATCH!
Kyaa
EHEHE WHY THANK YOU~ ♡
OH, THAT'S YOUR NEW SWIMSUIT, ISN'T IT? IT SUITS YOU!
YOU LOOK PRETTY CUTE YOURSELF, AMELIA.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
—HUH?
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! DON'T YOU GUYS HAVE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANNA TELL ME!?
NO, LINA-SAN, STOP! YOU CAN'T CAST DIEM WING HERE-!!
DIEM WI...!
ALRIGHT, YOU ASKED FOR IT! NOW I'M GONNA CLEAN THIS CRAP UP AND VENT MY ANGER AT THE SAME TIME!
HUFF!
GRRR.... AFTER I WENT THROUGH ALL THE TROUBLE OF PICKING UP AN AIR-PUMP SWIMSUIT, THEY DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE ...!!
UGH... I CAN REALLY FEEL THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR BUSTS....
SQUISH SQUISH ♡
YOU'LL CAUSE TROUBLE FOR THE NEIGHBORS-!!

SCARE
WOAH, SHE'S REALLY GETTING INTO THIS, HUH?
AAAAGH, THIS IS SO FRUSTRATING-!!
DO-NG
LINA-SAN?
WAAAIT, NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, EVERYONE'S SO USED TO SEEING AMELIA'S GIANT KNOCKERS, OF COURSE THEY WOULDN'T NOTICE MINE...
HIGH
PILED
MAYBE I PUSHED IT A LITTLE TOO HARD...
THE AIR'S STARTING TO LEAK OUT, AND NOW THE TOP'S STARTING TO SAG.....
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS ALL OF IT
I'M JUST SHOCKED WE MANAGED TO FINISH UP BEFORE NOON
HOW DO YOU USUALLY DISPOSE OF THIS STUFF, IF YOU DON'T MIND MY ASKING?
OH, THAT?
WELL, USUALLY...

WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED WITH THAT, WE'LL GO OFF AND HAVE OURSELVES THAT NICE BANQUET I PROMISED
なにっ
WHAT!?
THERE'S A MOUNTAIN CLOSE-BY, SO I TYPICALLY DRAG THE TRASH OVER THERE AND DUMP IT
IF WE DO ALL THAT, THEN WE WON'T HAVE ANY TIME LEFT BEFORE THE SUN GOES DOWN!
A. ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?
WATCH AND LEARN, GRAMPS!
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO GET THE JOB DONE THE QUICK AND EASY WAY!
Befis Bring!!
BWOOF

fwoom!
NICE!
SIZZLE
ALLLRIGHT! ALL TAKEN CARE OF IN ONE CLEAN SWOOP!
FANTASTIC WORK, GIRL! I'M IMPRESSED!
LEAVE IT TO LINA-SAN!

AW, C'MON GUYS, STOP IT!
IF YOU KEEP LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT, I'M GONNA GET EMBARRASSED, Y'KNOW?
L...LINA-SAN, YOUR TOP! YOUR SWIMSUIT TOP---!!
EH?

UH, SOMETHING KINDA CAME OVER ME...
"CAME OVER" MY FOOT!
HOW DO YOU THINK YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!!?
DWAAAAAAH!!
KA-BOOM!
F...FEEL THE FURY OF A SHAMED MAIDEN'S
DRAGON SLAVE ATTACK!!
HEY.
YEES?
COUGH
GUNK...
Phew!
GOGO
WOOM
puff *puff*

ER, WELL... HEH. WHAT'LL I DO, HUH ...?
.....
C'MON, GUYS, NOW'S OUR CHANCE! GRAB ER!!
AH, CRUD! MY SUIT'S FALLING DOWN AGAIN...
OH NOOOOO...
DASH!!
AH- HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, DAG-NABBIT !!
THAT'S NOT FAIR, LINA!
I'M SO SORRY, I JUST CAN'T DO ANY MORE!!
AFTERWARDS, IN ORDER TO RAISE FUNDS TO REPAIR THE "PRIVATE BEACH",
THEY OPENED A FLAT-RATE, BEACH HOUSE CAFE ON THE PREMISES.
ting
-ting
I BLAME ALL OF THIS ON EVERYONE WHO'S EVER BEEN CRAZY ABOUT HUGE TITS----!!
WAAH!
TWO PLATES OF YAKISOBA OVER HERE—
LINA-SAN! THREE ORDERS OF SHAVED ICE, PLEASE ——
I NEED FIVE ORDERS OF TAKOYAKI AND MAKE IT SNAPPY.
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT FOR SOME TIME, LINA AND CO. WERE OBLIGATED TO WORK THERE FOR FREE

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HEY GUYS!!, HEY GUYS! I WAS THE FINAL CHAPTER OF VOLUME 8, AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE FINAL CHAPTER OF SUPER EXPLOSIVE DEMON STORY!! YAY! YWHOW... SEDS DOES HAVE THEIR MOMENTS, I'M NOT GONNA LIE. THIS WAS A FUN CHAPTER. ENJOY THE VOLUME, AND GOOD NIGHT!

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